Utilisation of redundant airports

709. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that earlier airports at Bangalore and Hyderabad have become redundant or are underutilized;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the rational of making viable airports put to such underutilization;

(d) whether Government has worked out the cost and impact analysis of underutilization of these airports;

(e) how Government proposes to use these airports to its full capacity; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (f) The existing Hyderabad Airport at Begumpet and the civil enclave of Airports Authority of India (AAI) at HAL Airport in Bangalore are operational and are being utilised for general aviation purposes. AAI have plans to utilise the existing airports at Hyderabad and Banglore for the following further purposes:

Begumpet Airport:- (i) Integrated Aviation Academy (ii) Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities (iii) Aviation Expo and Convention Centre (iv) General Aviation Aircraft (v) High Speed Rail Link to Rajiv Gandhi International Airport at Shamashabad with remote check in facility (vi) other services and miscellaneous purposes.

HAL Airport:- (i) General Aviation Aircraft Operation (ii) Establishment of Convention Centre (iii) Other Services and Miscellaneous purposes.

Upgradation of airport

710. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is keen in developing certain airports as international airports, and

(b) if so, how many of them are being developed and what will be their estimated cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up the task of development and modernisation of non-metro airports where provision for construction of New Integrated Terminal Building has been made to cater for International and domestic operations. These airports alongwith estimated cost (in Rs. crores) are as under:

Construction of International Terminal Building at existing International airports: Ahmedabad (291), Amritsar (145), Goa (330), Jaipur (95), Nagpur (79.03), Srinagar (101.33) and Trivandrum (245.57). Construction of International Terminal Building at Port Blair airport has also been planned subject to acquisition of land.